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Places in Mesoamerica were not passive settings for human action but dynamic loci of meaning, continuously constructed, transformed, and negotiated. The 2nd Rome Mesoamerica Forum explores how spatial orientation, movement and trajectories, architectural superimposition, artworks, inscriptions, language, narratives, and ritual practices contributed to the creation, transformation, and reinterpretation of places over time. This two-day symposium examines the interplay between monumental intentions, the materiality of places, and lived experiences. It investigates how diverse agents – from deities and supernatural beings to ruling elites and everyday inhabitants – conceived, experienced, inhabited, and reshaped places, transforming Mesoamerican landscapes and built environments into sites of memory, identity, power, and sacrality. Particular attention is given to the multiple, sometimes conflicting meanings attributed to places by different actors and to the ways these meanings evolved, overlapped, and were contested over time.

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Please note that the conference will be held exclusively in person.

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